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Applicant(s): Kenjiro Watanabe et al.

Invention: OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL HEAD AND SIGNAL REPRODUCING METHOD

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20041027), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: